

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the work in the Government Press could possibly be done without resorting to the principle of overtime allowance and overtime work?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not think it is possible.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know what are the urgent demands referred to in the answer to part (d)?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): For instance, the printing of the Preliminary Edition of the Legislative Council Proceedings is an urgent demand; the printing of answers to questions is an urgent demand.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the employees in the Government Press are responsible for the urgent demands on the part of the Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They are not.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Then why should they suffer?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They do not suffer. They are given overtime allowance. It is only the question of rate that the member is speaking about.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Whatever may be the amount of overtime work at present, they are not able to draw more than their pay.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They cannot draw more than 50 per cent. of their pay.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is it the opinion of the Government that it is adequate remuneration?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): When the order of Government was issued, the Government thought that it was adequate remuneration.

Overtime Work in the Government Press.

131. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of the Government Press are ordered to work for more than 12 hours a day during times of pressure;

(b) the number of days in 1101 the Press worked after 8 p. m. together with the nature of the work for which the institution was kept open during nights;

(c) whether they have spent any extra remuneration other than overtime allowance for such work, and, if so, the amount paid for the salaried staff for the work done during the Budget Session of 1101; and

(d) the maximum number of hours, according to factory laws the employees of a factory could be made to work at a stretch?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) Yes; but not at one stretch. They are allowed half an hour's leisure for every six hours and are also granted passes for going out if they so desire and if their needs are urgent. Further, there is also the practice of arranging overtime work by shifts which permits the employees to leave one after the other when their portion of the job is finished.

(b) 43 days for work in connection with the Legislative Council and the printing of the *Civil List*, the *Administration Report*, the *Assembly Proceedings*, *Statistical Volumes*, *Gazette Extraordinary*, etc.

(c) No extra remuneration other than overtime allowance has been paid for such work.

(d) The member is referred to Sections 23, 24 and 28 of the Factories Regulation, V of 1089, which fix a maximum of 7 hours' work for a child and of 10 hours for a woman, but do not prescribe any maximum for a man except in the case of textile factories where a maximum of 12 hours per diem is fixed.

Expenditure from Municipal Funds.

132. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure met by the Nagercoil Municipal Council in C. C. No. 135 of 1099 in the Additional District Magistrate's Court at Padmanabhapuram;

(b) whether the Chairman consulted the Council before he apologised to the complainant;

(c) whether more than one vakil was engaged in the said case, and, if so, their names and respective remuneration;

(d) whether Mr. V. S. Ramaswami issued a notice of suit to the Chairman claiming his remuneration, and, if so, how the matter was disposed of;

(e) the expenditure hitherto incurred in connection with the case O. S. No. 96 of 1099 in the District Court of Nagercoil, as also the expenditure in the case O. S. No. 28 of 1102, in the above court; and

(f) whether Mr. Arunachalam, the brother of the Chairman and a Councillor, was engaged in O. S. No. 28 of 1102?

(2) What was the total expenditure met from the Municipal funds over the well at Ozhukinasseri? Was there any protest from the citizens against this expenditure? How far is this well from the Pazhayar river as also from the house of the Headmaster-Councillor? Is it being made use of for drinking purposes?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government have no information and they do not see any necessity to call for the same.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Am I to understand that there was no representation from the members concerned to the Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): May I know with reference to which part of this question is this supplementary question raised?